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September 17, 1999

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas Secretary Federal Communications Commission The Portals 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Salas:

Re: In the Matter of Implementation of the Subscriber Carrier Selection Changes Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Policies and Rules Concerning Unauthorized Change of Consumers Long Distance Carrier - CC Docket No. 94-, 129, FCC 98-334; In the Matter of Truth-in-Billing and Billing Format - CC Docket No. 98-170 FCC 99-72

On September 15, 1999, Virginia Stephens and Lynn Arnold of Southern New England Telephone (SNET), together with Barbara Hunt and the undersigned of SBC Communications Inc. (SBC), met with David Konuch, Anita Cheng, and Mark Siefert of the Enforcement Division of the Common Carrier Bureau to discuss compliance issues with the Truth-in-Billing Order. Due to the inclement weather conditions, this exparte is being filed today.

As recently reported in the Comments of SBC Communications Inc. filed in response to the Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval, SBC is making efforts to bring its local exchange company billing systems into compliance with the Truth-in-Billing requirements. SBC reported to the FCC that SNET's billing project to allow it to identify each service provider on the bill is progressing as previously reported and that SNET will be in compliance with all of the Truth-in-Billing requirements, other than the requirement to highlight new service providers by October, 1999. In addition, SBC's other local exchange companies are working on improvements to the service descriptions on their bills. None of the SBC local exchange companies can comply with the "highlight new service providers" requirement and SBC looks forward to participating in the industry discussions to try to develop a workable alternative to that requirement.

SBC reported that Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT), Pacific Bell and Nevada Bell have begun the preparations to implement a billing change to designate the

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deniable amount on their bills in the same manner as SNET. For that reason, SBC sought guidance from the FCC that the manner in which SNET indicates the deniable total on the bill satisfies the Truth-in-Billing requirement to designate "deniable/non-deniable" charges before its other local exchange companies incur the costs to duplicate that billing method. Based upon the initial reaction that the SNET bill does comply with the Truth-in-Billing guidelines, SBC is moving forward with its efforts to implement the "deniable/non-deniable" billing change in March of 2000, although that date is a very aggressive date for completion of this billing change. When that change is completed, it is expected that all of the SBC local exchange companies should be in compliance with all of the Truth-in-Billing requirements, with the exception of the "highlight new service provider" requirement. SBC indicated that, if FCC staff, upon further reflection and study of the attached sample bill, determines that the method used by SNET to designate deniable charges does not meet the requirement of the Truth-in-Billing Order, SBC would greatly appreciate notification of that determination.

SBC also requested guidance as to whether the "separate charges by service provider" requirement is satisfied by identifying the entity that markets the services to the customer, so long as an 800 contact number is clearly displayed for that entity, that entity handles all customer inquiries on the package of services and the services that make up the package are clearly identified. Again, the Commission staff took that issue under consideration, but did note that their order was designed not as an impediment to bundling, but to provide customers full and complete explanations of all billed charges.

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's Rules, the original of this letter and one copy are being filed with your office for inclusion in the public record. Acknowledgment and date of receipt are requested. A duplicate of this letter is included for this purpose.

Please direct any inquiries to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Attachment/

cc: Ms. Huth - OMB

Mr. Konuch

Ms. Cheng

Mr. Siefert



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Please detach here and return with your payment. Write account number on check and make payable to SNET



Basic and Non-Besi Charges:

Explanation of Terms and Services

The total amount due on your telephone bill may consist of Basic and Non-Basic Charges. You are responsible for the payment of all charges on your bill, Failure to pay Basic Charges may result in disconnection of your telephone service for non-payment. Telephone service will not be disconnected for non-payment if you do not pay the Non-Basic portion of your bill. However, failure to pay any portion of your bill may result in collection action.

Monthly Charges (basic):

- Regulated Network Services include telephone service to the customer premises and other services such as Totalphone® and SmartLink®.
- FCC Line Charge is required by the Federal Communications Commission and covers a portion of the cost to connect the customer to the long distance network.
- Network and Data Transmission include Special Services (circuits), the regulated portion of Packet Switched Data Networks and CentraLink® Centrex Services.

(non-basic):

- Advertising in the yellow and/or white page directories, electronic or other media.
- ConnNet® and Packet Switched Data Networks (non-regulated portion).
- Terminal Equipment includes all leased or rented devices such as telephones and data sets.
- . Inside Wire contracts to maintain and repair wiring inside the customer premises without additional charge at the time of repair.
- SNET InternetSM access and usage charges.

Calling Charges (basic):

Local and long distance calls, local and long distance calling plans, WATS/800 service and calls to Directory Assistance (411) for obtaining telephone listings.

(non-basic):

900 calls and calls placed through alternate operator service providers.

Wireless (non-basic):

All charges for wireless products and services.

Other Charges and Credits (basic & nonbasic):

· One-time charges for installations, moves and changes; one-time adjustments for items that carry a monthly rate based on the number of days from installation or removal to regular billing date. These charges may be basic or non-basic depending on the associated product or service or the payment option selected.

Taxes (basic & non-basic): • Most charges are subject to federal and state sales tax.

Late Payment Information:

SNET will apply a 1% late payment charge per month on any unpaid balance. Any money we receive will be first applied to the late fee, and the balance will be applied to other charges. In order to avoid a late charge, we must receive payment in full for the total amount due on your bill statement no later than the date specified.

We provide local



calling, in-state, out-of-state and international



long distance,

wireless, Internet



access and much more.



Bill Date: Account Number: Telephone Number: May 13, 1999 203 265-6943 031 **203 265-6943**

MRS ALICE C FLORIDIA 36 VALLEY VIEW DR WALLINGFORD CT

06492

Previous Charges	Payments	Adjustments Balance		Current Charges	Total Due		
\$86.32	\$86.32cr	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$78.26	*78.26		

Account Summary

Previous Charges Payment Received - Thank You! Outstanding Balance before Current Charges	86.32 86.32cr 0.00
Current Charges	78.26
Monthly Charges	18.84
Discounts	11.65cr
SNET Calling Charges (before discounts)	26.16
Taxes and Surcharges	3.14
SNET Wireless (All Charges, Discounts and Taxes)	39.27
Other Long Distance Companies	2.50
Total Due	78.26

To avoid 1% late charge, please pay \$78.26 by June 12 Basic Charges \$32.22 (see reverse for definition)

Questions?

Here are the toll-free numbers to call

SNET -

Paying, Billing, Adding, or Changing Service:

811 or 1-800-453-SNET if calling from out of state

Repair Service:

Business: 1-203-420-3131

Residential: 611

SNET Wireless Services -

Billing, Sales, Service, Lost or Stolen

Phones:

Wireless Service: 1-800-922-5469
Paging Service: 1-800-626-2636

Non-SNET portions of your bill -See the top of each company's page

Your Savings This Month
You saved \$28.93
this month by using your
SNET All Distance Services

Thank You For Using SNET!

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Please detach here and return with your payment. Write account number on check and make payable to SNET



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R46 MRS ALICE C FLORIDIA 36 VALLEY VIEW DR WALLINGFORD CT

06492-1920

Amount Enclosed:

SNET PO BOX 1861 NEW HAVEN CT 06

Bill Date:

Account Number:

Please Pay By:

NEW HAVEN CT 06508-0901

Total Amount Due: \$78.26

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Your Service Plan

SNET is your carrier for instate, interstate, and international calls.

You currently have a preferred carrier freeze on one or more of your lines.

Any change to your carrier selection would require your approval.

Your Savings

You saved \$8.65 this month by using your SNET All Distance Services!

Do you want to get messages when you're on the phone or on-line? Ask about SNET Voice Mail and our current offer.

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Call 1-800-890-SNET
Make vour life simpler by choosing SNET! We provide local



calling, in-state, out-of-state and international



long distance,

🛍 wireless, Internet



access and much more.



Bill Date: Account Number:

Telephone Number:

May 13, 1999 203 265-6943 031 **203 265-6943**

Questions about your SNET bill? Call 811 Outside Connecticut 1-800-453-SNET

SNET All Distance®

Information for SNET Customers

News

New Internet Price Plans

Attention SNET Internet Customers: Effective May 1, 1999, our new Internet price plans take effect. To make sure you are on the right plan, please call us at 1-800-408-8282.

A Hot Combination of the Best Services at One Great Price!

Save on **The WORKS**, SNET's new package of custom calling services! Get Caller ID with Name, Call Waiting, unlimited *69 and *66, and more for our low package rate. Call to order today!

SNET Toll Free 800 Service -The easy and economical way for the important people in your life to reach you Now your residence or home-based business can have all the advantages of an 800 toll free service.

Do you have:

- Elderly parents on a fixed income?
- A child at college that calls collect?
- A spouse who travels and the surcharges add up?
- A home-based business that you'd like to have appear more professional?

SNET Toll Free 800 Service can meet all of these needs on a single bill. And best of all, if you're an SNET Automatic Savings Plan customer, your SNET Toll Free 800 Service rates can also be as low as 10 cents a minute because all your SNET Toll Free 800 usage counts toward your monthly discount.

To find how you can have free installation and 3 months of service free, just call 1-800-381-SNET today. Hurry, because this offer expires May 29,1999!

CONTINUE TO DIAL 1-800-555-5321 FOR ALL U. S. CALLING CARD CALLS.

Effective June 1, 1999, Calling Card calls you make from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin will be carried by *Sprint* and/or *Pacific Bell*. When you dial 1-800-555-5321 from these states, you will continue to receive competitive rates and outstanding quality. Your calls will automatically be routed to a *Pacific Bell/Sprint* platform for completion. Due to the pending merger between SBC and Ameritech, FCC regulations require SNET to withdraw from providing long distance services in the Ameritech region. If you have an SNET toll plan, which aggregates Calling Card calls, calls originating from these states will no longer count toward your volume discount. However, you will continue to receive a single telephone bill each month with calls from these states listed on a separate page under the heading of *Sprint*.

All Distance Savings

You saved \$28.93 this month with your SNET All Distance Services.

These savings consist of:

\$12.92 savings automatically applied to eligible calls with your Worldwide Solutions Plan

\$4.36 savings automatically applied to eligible calls with your Simple Solutions Plan

\$2.10 discount applied as a credit with your Simple Solutions Plan

\$9.55 Discount applied as a credit with your Employee Concession

SNET All Distance Summary

Instate Long Distance Calls6.58Out of State Long Distance Calls14.41International Long Distance Calls5.17Total SNET All Distance Charges\$26.16

SNET Simple Solutions Volume Discount

\$2.10cr

Credits are based on SNET All Distance usage of \$26.16 for your plan.



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Questions about your SNET bill? Call 811

SNET All Distance°

Notes:

In addition to your low plan rates and volume discount, SNET Simple Solutions includes one second rating* for greater savings.

*(A minimum conversation time applies.)

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urrent Charges			
Monthly Charges			
Billing Period May 13 to June 12, 1999			
Service & Equipment			
1 Calling Card - SNET All Distance - unrestricte	ed pin	.00	
1 Flat residence line	F	.00	
1 Totalphone service		.00	
1 Caller ID with Name		6.00	
1 Federal Subscriber Line Charge		3.50	
1 Internet Service - includes Global Service Pro	ovider Charge	6.39	
1 Internet Software	ŭ	.00	
1 Maintenance of wire service		.00	
Call Plans			
1 Worldwide Solutions Call Plan		2.95	
Total Monthly Charges			18.8
Discounts			
SNET Simple Solutions Summary			
Eligible Domestic Charges:			
Instate Long Distance	6.58		
Out of State Long Distance	10.15		
Out of State Calling Card	4.26		
Total Domestic Charges	\$20.99		
Discount applied at 10.000%		2.10cr	
Eligible International Charges:			
International Long Distance	5.17		
Total International Charges	\$5.17		
Employee Toll Concession			
Instate		5.92cr	
Out of State Total SNET Discounts		3.63cr	11.6

Calling Charges

SNET All Distance	Calls	
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No	. Date	Time	Place		Area-Number	Rate	Min Sec	Amount
1	Apr 13	401pm	to Spain		034981208247	OFi	22 06	4.86
2	Apr 20	440pm	to Old Saybrk	CT	860 399-4057	OPM	21 49	3.73
3	Apr 22	416pm	to Farmesbrch	TX	972 402-2700	OP	12 40	2.91
4	Apr 23	220pm	to Hartford	CT	860 947-7261	OP	1 16	.23
5	Apr 23	802pm	to Lyme	CT	860 434-9055	OF	13 51	1.38
6	Apr 24	923am	to Spain		349812700	OPi	0 30	.11
7	Apr 24	956am	to Spain		349812700	OPi	0 54	.20
8	Apr 25	428pm	to Miami	FL	305 695-8013	OF	8 33	1.11
9	Apr 27	804pm	to Orlando	FL	407 363-1142	OF	30 23	3.95

Bill Date. Account Number:

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Questions about your SNET bill? Call 811 Outside Connecticut 1-800-453-SNET

SNET All Distance®

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SNET All Distance Calls Co	ontinued					
No. Date Time	Place	Area-Number	Rate	Min Sec	Amount	
1 May 1 1123am	to Dover	PA 717 292-4165	OF	16 02	2.08	
2 May 1 1205pm	to Lyme	CT 860 434-9055	OF	0 28	.05	
3 May 2 329pm	to Guilford	CT 203 453-5916	OF	0 20	.03	
4 May 8 1218pm	to Guilford	CT 203 453-5916	OF	0 18	.03	
5 May 8 413pm	to Lyme	CT 860 434-9055	OF	2 33	25	
6 May 8 449pm	to Watch Hill	RI 401 348-9700	OF	0 44	.10	
7 May 11 1136am	to Hartford	CT 860 947-7225	OP	4 52	.88	
SNET All Distance Cha	ırges				21.90	
SNET All Distance Calling (Card Calls					
No. Date Time	Place	Area-Number	Rate	Min Sec	Amount	
8 Apr 25 427pm	to Wallingfd	CT 203 265-6943				
_	fr Miami	FL 305 695-8013	OFC	0 18	.82	
9 Apr 26 149pm	to Wallingfd	CT 203 265-6943				
	fr Miami	FL 305 695-8013	OPC	0 31	.92	
10 Apr 30 420pm	to Wallingfd	CT 203 265-6943				
	fr Ftlauderdl	FL 954 359-9860	OPC	5 21	2.52	
SNET All Distance Call	ing Card Charges				4.26	
Total SNET Calling Ch	narges					26.16
Taxes and Surcharges						
Connecticut Sales Tax					1.88	
Federal Tax					.82	
Connecticut Service Fu					.05	
Connecticut E 9-1-1 Su	•				.39	
Total Taxes and Surch	narges					3.14
Total SNET Current Charg	es					36.49
Services beyond Connection	cut provided by SNE	T America, Inc.				

Rate Codes for Long Distance

May be one code or a combination of more than one code:

M Multiple Rate Period

O Optional Call Plan

F Off-peak C Calling Card P Peak

i International Special Rate



Bill Date: Account Number: Wireless Account Number: May 13, 1999 203 265-6943 031 000043441

Questions about your SNET Wireless bill? For Wireless Phone Service 1-800-922-5469 For Paging Service 1-800-626-2636

SNET Wireless Services ***

Information for SNET Wireless Customers

News

IMPORTANT BILLING INFORMATION. Due to a computer error, you may not have been billed for your SNET Wireless charges on your last Combined Bill. If so, this Combined Bill will include your wireless charges for the past two months. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

SNET Wireless							
Wireless Account Summary							
Service and Optional Features Charg	jes						
Monthly Charges						32.97	
Optional Features						.78	
Total Monthly and Optional Fe	ature Charges						33.75
Other Charges and Credits Other Charges and Credits Appl Total Other Charges and Cred						.32	. 32
Calling Charges							
Usage Summary							
Airtime Usage	Minute	S				Amount	
Peak	5:0	00				1.50	
Off-Peak	3:0	_				.54	
Total Airtime	8:0	00				2.04	
SNET Wireless Usage Charges						2.04	
Total SNET Wireless Calling C	harges						2.04
Taxes							
State Sales Taxes						2.11	
Federal Tax						1.05	
Total Taxes							3.16
Total Account Charges							39.27
Other Charges and Credits Current Bill Period							
Svc Date							
May 07 1999 Universal Svc F						.32	
Current Bill Period Charges and						.32	
Total Other Charges and Credi	ts					.32	
Account Details							
Wireless Phone Number 203 430-3068 Current Charges Monthly Charges Billing Period May 8 to June 7, 19							
Service Plan - SNET Employee F						10.99	
Includes: LD USA	4	Roa	m USA				
Optional Features							
CT E911 Surcharge						.26	
Free Authentication						.00	
Total Monthly and Optional Fea	ature Charges						11.25
Calling Charges SNET Wireless Calls				_			
	Place		-Number	Rate	Min	Amount	
1 Apr 8 451pm Wall	ingfd	CT 203	265-6943	P	2:00	.60	



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Wireless Phone Number 203 430-3068 Contir	nued					
Usage Summary						
Airtime Usage	Minutes				Amount	
Peak	2:00				.60	
Total Airtime	2:00				. 60	
SNET Wireless Usage Charges					, 60	
Total SNET Wireless Calling Charges					•	. 60
Taxes					5 0	
State Sales Taxes					.70	
Federal Tax Total Taxes					.35	1 01
total raxes						1.05
Total SNET Wireless Current Charges for 203	430-3068					12.90
Wireless Phone Number 203 772-5399						
Current Charges						
Monthly Charges						
Billing Period May 8 to June 7, 1999						
Service Plan - SNET Employee Plan A					10.99	
Includes: LD USA	Roam	n USA				
Optional Features						
CT E911 Surcharge					.26	
Free Authentication					.00	
Total Monthly and Optional Feature Cl	narges					11.25
Calling Charges						
SNET Wireless Calls						
No. Date Time Place	Araa	Number	Rate	Min	Amount	
	CT 203 2			1:00	.18	
1 Apr 9 821pm Wallingfd 2 Apr 10 524pm Wallingfd	CT 203 2			1:00	.18	
	CT 203 2					
				1:00	.30	
4 Apr 16 627pm Wallingfd	CT 203 2			2:00	.60	
5 Apr 18 1113am Wallingfd	CT 203 2	65-6943	O	1:00	.18	
Usage Summary	N. C				A + 4	
Airtime Usage	Minutes				Amount	
Peak	3:00				.90	
Off-Peak	3:00				.54	
Total Airtime	6:00				1.44	
SNET Wireless Usage Charges					1.44	
Total SNET Wireless Calling Charges						1.44
Taxes						
State Sales Taxes					.75	
Federal Tax					.37	
Total Taxes						1.12
otal SNET Wireless Current Charges for 203	772-5399					13.81
/ireless Phone Number 860 303-7307						
Current Charges						
Monthly Charges						
Billing Period May 8 to June 7, 1999						
					10.00	
Service Plan - SNET Employee Plan A	D	LICA			10.99	
Includes: LD USA	Roam	USA				



Account Number:
Wireless Account Number:

203 265-6943 031 000043441

Questions about your SNET Wireless bill? For Wireless Phone Service 1-800-922-5469 For Paging Service 1-800-626-2636

SNET Wireless Services[™]

Wireless Phone Number 860 3	03-7307 Continued		
Optional Features			
CT E911 Surcharge		.26	
Free Authentication		.00	
Total Monthly and Opti		11.25	
Taxes		•	
State Sales Taxes		.66	
Federal Tax		.33	
Total Taxes			.99
Total SNET Wireless Current (12.24	
Rate Codes For Wireless Calls May be one code or a combin			
O Off Peak	P Peak		



Bill Date: Account Number: May 13, 1999 203 265-6943 031

Telephone Number: 203 265-6943

Questions about your AT&T bill? Call 1-800-222-0300

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Account Details

Current Charges

Calling Charges

AT&T Long Distance Calls				•		
No. Date Time Place	Area-Number	Rate	Min Sec	Amount		
1 Apr 2 331pm to Wallingfd	CT 203 265-6943					
Collect fr Payphone	CT 203 634-9458	DS	2 00	2.29		
AT&T Long Distance Charges 2.29						
AT&T Total Calling Charges					2.29	
Taxes and Surcharges						
Connecticut Sales Tax(6%)				.14		
Federal Tax(3%)				.07		
Total Taxes and Surcharges					.21	
Total Current Charges for AT&T					2.50	

Rate Codes for Long Distance

May be one code or a combination of more that one code:

D Day

S Station